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PRESS RELEASE
****UPDATE****

Westbound I-55/64 in St. Clair County

Location – Westbound I-55/64 between the Martin Luther King Bridge exit ramp and 3rd Street, approaching the Poplar Street Bridge in East St. Louis.

The Illinois Department of Transportation today confirmed its plans to close the left lane of westbound I-64/55 between the exit to the Martin Luther King Bridge and 3rd Street in East St. Louis beginning on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, weather permitting. This work is necessary to install flood prevention devices and is expected to be completed by mid-May of this year.

The lane closure originally scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2017 has been postponed until Tuesday, May 2, 2017 due to the unfavorable forecast for the next few days. During the setup of this lane closure, traffic will be reduced to one lane. After morning rush hour on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 and Wednesday, May 3, 2017, crews will temporarily close the left two lanes of I-55/64 to set up the traffic control devices. One lane will remain open throughout each day. The middle lane is anticipated to be re-opened by 5:00 PM each evening. This lane closure is expected to continue through mid-May of this year.

Extensive delays are expected at this location during weekday morning rush hours and motorists are urged to plan accordingly and utilize alternate routes. Traffic control devices will be utilized to assist motorists making their way through the work zone. The Department asks that motorists be patient, reduce speed, obey all warning signs and allow extra time when traveling through the work zone.

The General Contractor on this project is Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc., of Okawville, Illinois. Mr. Joel Cumby is the Supervising Field Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation. If you have any questions concerning this project, you may contact him at (618) 346-3351.

Additional information is available at <http://stl-traffic.org>.

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